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SUMMARY

For the above reasons, claims 1 to 18, 45, and 46 are patentable and a Notice of Allowance is requested.

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REMARKS

Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1 to 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Velayudhan et al. (US 6,985,125) in view of Shigeta et al. (US 6,646,625).

Claims 45 and 46 also stand rejected as being unpatentable over Velayudhan et al. (U.S. 6,985,125) each in view of secondary references.

Under separate cover an Affidavit under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 has been submitted stating that under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 103(c), the subject matter of U.S. Patent 6,985,125 and the claimed invention of this U.S. Patent Application 10/768,097 were, at the time the claimed invention was made, fully owned by IST. Accordingly, U.S. 6,985,125 is not a valid reference under 35 U.S.C. 103(c). As noted by the Examiner in the rejections, none of the secondary references alone meets the claims.

Accordingly, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103 should be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

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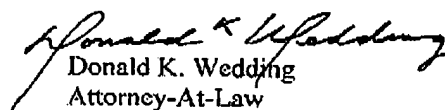
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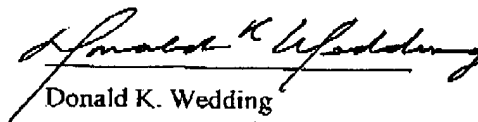
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